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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV MEETS ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO

1. MYSTERIOUS MR. NETO SURFACES ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP WITH APRIL 20 CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS APRIL 19 MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER PONOMAREV ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. DURING TALKS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING," NETO:

-- DISCUSSED ACTIVITIES OF MPLA AND ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT;

-- EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE TO SOVIET PEOPLE, CC CPSU AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA (INCLUDING STRENGTHENING OF DEFENSE CAPABILITY);

-- DECLARED COMPLETE SOLIDARITY OF ANGOLA AND SOVIET
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UNION IN ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE TO SECURE PEACE AND SECURITY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

2. BREZHNEV WISHED NETO AND THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE SUCCESS IN CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW SOCIETY AND CERTIFIED THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD, EVEN IN THE FUTURE, EXTEND ALL AROUND SUPPORT TO ANGOLA.

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3. DURING DISCUSSION OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS THE "HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE" OF COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THE FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION WAS EMPHASIZED AND SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, AND SOUTH AFRICA WAS DECLARED.

4. SOVIET UNION AND ANGOLA, SAID REPORT, ARE FOR RAPID
. ESTABLISHMENT OF DURABLE PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS IN
. AFRICAN HORN WHICH SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON BASIS OF
. RENUNCIATION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND ON PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-VIOLABILITY OF BORDERS AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

5. COMMENT: NETO, DESCRIBED AS "ON REST" IN SOVIET UNION LOOKED NORMAL ON SOVIET TV. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE MEETING BY HIS TWO SONS. TASS REPORT ON VISIT SEEMS ABOUT WHAT ONE MIGHT EXPECT. CONCERN FOR SITUATION IN HORN IS SHOWN BY MATERIAL IN PARA 4 WHILE CONTINUED SOVIET DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA COMES THROUGH IN NUMEROUS COMMENTS. TOON

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